

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: FANG *et al.*

Application No.: To be assigned  
(Division of Appl. No. 09/640,725)

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Examiner: W. Jarvis

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For: BUPROPION METABOLITES AND  
METHODS OF THEIR SYNTHESIS  
AND USE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Box Patent Application**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request that the following amendments and remarks be considered by the Examiner and entered into the file of the application.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 8-18 without prejudice.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete lines 4-7 of the specification and add the following paragraph:

--This is a division of application no. 09/640,725, filed August 18, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of application no. 09/510,241, filed February 22, 2000, which claims the benefit of provisional application nos. 60/122,277, filed March 1, 1999 and 60/148,324, filed August 11, 1999, each of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

**REMARKS**

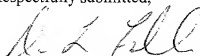
Claims 1-7 and 20-126 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration. Claims 8-18 have been canceled without prejudice.

The specification has been amended to recite the priority information of the present application.

No fee is believed due for this submission. Should any additional fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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